

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image sensing apparatus comprising:
 - an image sensing unit adapted to sense an object;
 - a signal processing unit adapted to convert an image signal outputted from said image sensing unit into digital image;
 - a communication unit adapted to transmit a resume signal ~~for~~ release to a computer connected to said image sensing apparatus; and
 - a switch for indicating said image sensing apparatus to transmit said resume signal to the computer,
wherein before said resume signal is transmitted to said computer, said image sensing apparatus determines whether said computer is in a suspended state or not, and
if it is determined that said computer is in the suspended state, said image sensing apparatus transmits said resume signal to said computer to release the suspended state.

2. (Previously Presented) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - a recording unit adapted to record said digital image in an internal or external memory.

3. (Previously Presented) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said switch having a first contact and a second contact, and wherein if said first contact is turned on by said switch, said image sensing apparatus enables to transmit said resume signal to said computer to release the suspended state.

4. (Previously Presented) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said switch having a first contact and a second contact, and

wherein if said second contact is turned on by said switch, said image sensing apparatus enables to transmit said resume signal to said computer to release the suspended state.

5. (Previously Presented) The image sensing apparatus according to wherein said switch having a first contact and a second contact to, and wherein if said second contact is turned on by said switch and a recording of said digital image is completed, said image sensing apparatus enables to transmit said resume signal to said computer to release the suspended state.

6. (Original) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said signal generation means is a particular switch provided in said image sensing apparatus.

7. (Previously Presented) The image sensing apparatus according to
claim 1, further comprising:

a display unit adapted to display information indicating that said
computer is in the suspended state.

8. (Previously Presented) The image sensing apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein said communication unit is conformed to USB
(Universal Serial Bus) specification.

9. (Currently Amended) A method used in an image sensing
apparatus including (a) an image sensing unit adapted to sense an object;
(b) a signal processing unit adapted to convert an image signal outputted
from said image sensing unit into digital image image; (c) a
communication unit adapted to transmit a resume signal to a computer
connected to said image sensing apparatus; and (d) a switch for indicating
said image sensing apparatus to transmit said resume signal to the
computer, said method comprising the steps of:

before said resume signal is transmitted to said computer,
determining whether said computer is in a suspended state or not; and
if it is determined that said computer is in the suspended state,
transmitting said resume signal to said computer to release the suspended
state.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for providing a method used in an image sensing apparatus, said image sensing apparatus includes (a) an image sensing unit adapted to sense an object; (b) a signal processing unit adapted to convert an image signal outputted from said image sensing unit into digital image (c) a communication unit adapted to transmit a resume signal to a computer connected to said image sensing apparatus; and (d) a switch for indicating said image sensing apparatus to transmit said resume signal to the computer, said method comprising the steps of:

before said resume signal is transmitted to said computer, determining whether said computer is in a suspended state or not; and if it is determined that said computer is in the suspended state, transmitting said resume signal to said computer to release the ~~suspension state~~ suspended state.

11-13 (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein before said digital image is transmitted to said computer, said image sensing apparatus determines whether said computer is in said suspended state or not.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, further comprising the step of:
recording said digital image in an internal or external memory.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein said switch has a first contact and a second contact, and wherein the method further comprises the step of:
if said first contact is turned on by said switch, enabling to transmit said resume signal to said computer to release the suspended state.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein said switch has a first contact and a second contact, and wherein the method further comprises the step of:
if said second contact is turned on by said switch, enabling to transmit said resume signal to said computer to release the suspended state.

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein said switch has a first contact and a second contact, and wherein the method further comprises the step of:
if said second contact is turned on by said switch and said image sensing operation and a recording of said digital image is completed,

enabling to transmit said resume signal to said computer to release the suspended state.

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, further comprising the step of:

displaying information indicating that said computer is in the suspended state.

20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein said communication unit is conformed to USB (Universal Serial Bus) specification.

21. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein before said digital image is transmitted to said computer, said determining step determines whether said computer is in said suspended state or not.